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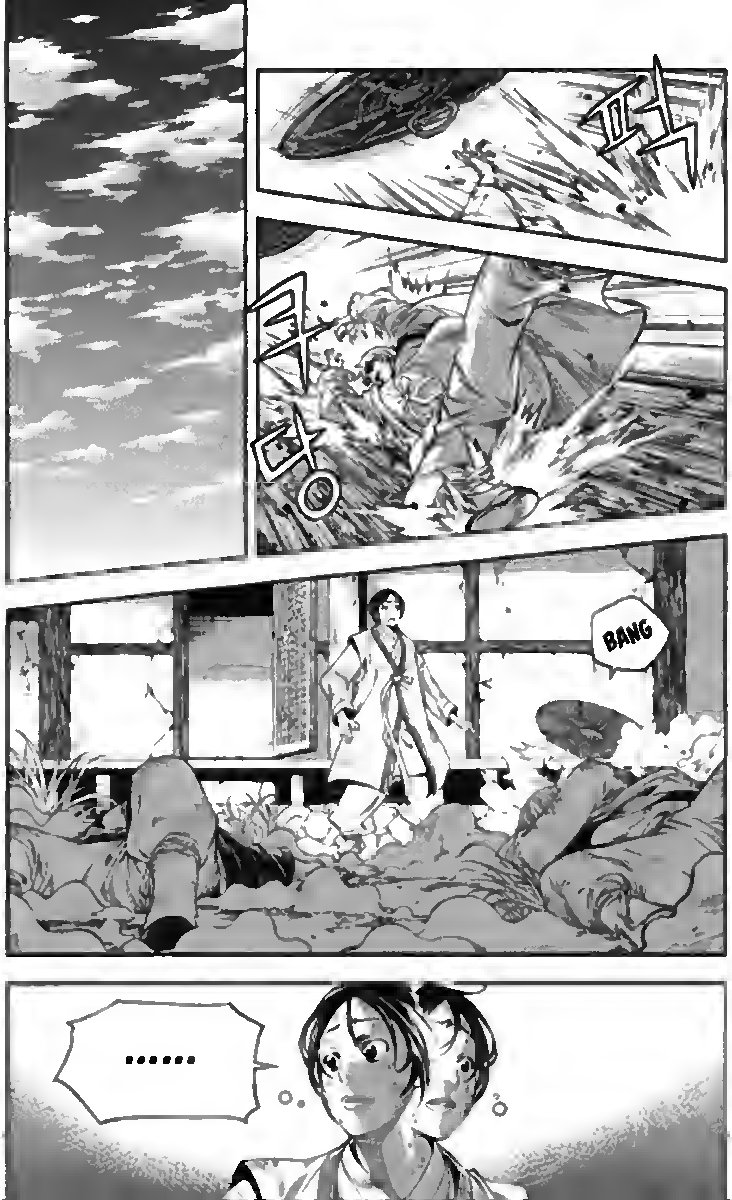
BANG
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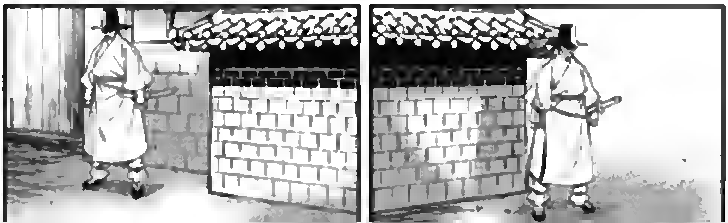
AH~ I'M TIRED. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST STAYED UP ALL NIGHT.
I GUESS TAKING ON THREE ALL BY MYSELF WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR ME.
WELL, I JUST HAD TO KEEP THEM BUSY TILL MORNING SO IT SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT NOW. I'VE DONE ENOUGH.

OW!
DAMN BRATS!
THAT REALLY
HURTS!
I'VE
FINISHED
MY BUSINESS
WITH YOU, SO
DO WHATEVER
YOU WANT
NOW.

DAMN IT, WE'RE TOO LATE!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SHOULD WE JUST JUMP OVER THE WALL?



NO WAY. THEY'RE ALREADY WATCHING US.
JUMP-ING OVER THE WALL WON'T DO.

DAMN IT!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT DAMN GUY!!

?

SO. NOW...
SHALL WE HEAR YOUR DECISION?

AS I SAID, IF YOU JOIN ME...
I WILL LET YOU WORK ON YOUR ABILITY AS YOU LIKE.
BUT, IF YOU REFUSE, I WILL KILL YOU HERE SO YOU WON'T CAUSE ME TROUBLE IN THE FUTURE.
You.. must.. survive
Do you know what it means to survive?
If I can't kill you now...
I think it's best to send you there alive
I...

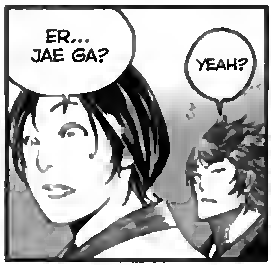
You have to survive by whatever means.
부들 부들
I...
WILL...
씨익
Why are you alive?
How are you alive!!
움찔

The Barrack Commander and Han Ju-sunbae...
Died soldier's deaths.
?
Since the Crown Prince is alive, I need not fulfill his will myself
I'm sorry, So Hee. I don't think I can keep the promise
I will die a soldier here.
I WILL NOT JOIN YOU.

...IS THAT SO?
THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
LORD?
WHAT IS IT...
!
So Hee?
MY QUEEN?!
THIS IS AN INTERESTING SCENE, LORD.

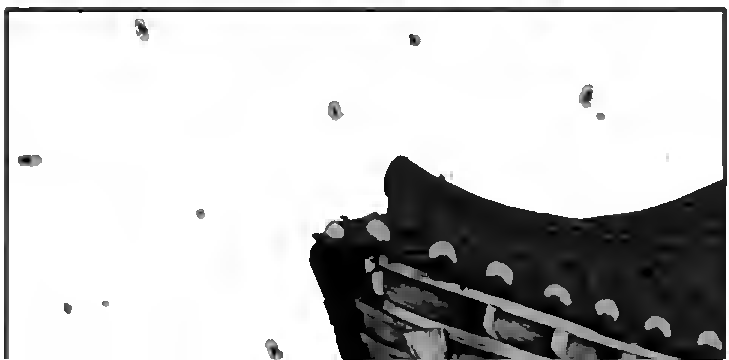
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MY HUMBLE QUARTERS?
I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU.
A REQUEST?
YES. I NEED TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BOY...
SO I REQUEST THAT YOU HAND HIM OVER TO ME.
!!
!!
WHEN I AM DONE WITH MY BUSINESS, I WILL RETURN HIM.
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?

LADY CHOI. BRING HIM OVER.
YES, MY QUEEN
I CAN'T DO THAT.
WHAT??
DID YOU JUST SAY THAT YOU CAN'T DO IT?
YES.


ER... JAE GA?
YEAH?

AM I SEEING THINGS...
OR WAS SO HEE IN THERE WITH THE QUEEN?
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE. I SAW THE SAME THING.

That must be why she said that we're in the way.



I WANT TO HEAR YOUR REASONS FOR THIS HUMILIATION, LORD.
NO HUMILIATION IS MEANT, MY QUEEN.
IT IS SIMPLY MILITARY DISCIPLINE.
MILITARY DISCIPLINE?
THIS CHILD BELONGS TO THE BARRACKS.
HOWEVER, HE LEFT WITHOUT PERMISSION AND HEADED TO THE PROVINCES. IT IS DESERTION.
HOW IS PUNISHING A RUNAWAY SOLDIER ACCORDING TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE A HUMILIATION TO MY QUEEN?
.....
THAT IS NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.
!

THESE TRAINEES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR EARLY TRAINING BY THEIR COMMANDERS FOR OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL AMONG THOSE WHO HAD PASSED THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.
THEY ARE NOT OFFICIAL SOLDIERS SINCE THEY HAVE YET TO PASS THE SECOND EXAMINATION, THUS THEY ARE NOT A MEMBER OF AN ARMY EITHER.
ACCORDINGLY, THEIR NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE ARMY REGISTER.

WHO ARE YOU TO INTERRUPT THE CONVERSATION?
SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF LORD KIM JONG SOO.
!

Now I see...
SHE ALSO IS MY FRIEND.
I ALWAYS LISTEN TO THIS CHILD WITH RESPECT AND AWE SO YOU WILL GIVE HER THE SAME RESPECT.
A friend?
EVEN SO, THIS CHILD IS A MEMBER OF THE BARRACKS.
IT IS COMMON SENSE THAT A TRAINEE BELONGS TO THE ARMY.
DO YOU PAY THE TRAINEES?

I THINK NOT IT IS COMMON SENSE THAT AN INSTITUTION OF THIS TYPE SHOULD PAY ITS MEMBERS.
THE REASON WHY THE ARMY DOESN'T PAY THE TRAINEES IS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PART OF IT YET.
EVEN IF THEY ARE LIKELY TO PASS THE SECOND EXAMINATION, THAT IS MERELY PROBABILITY, NOT CONFIRMATION.
.....
IT IS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELONG TO ANY INSTITUTION THAT THEY COULD CARRY OUT THE EXECUTION OF THE CROWN PRINCE. IS THAT NOT SO?
YOU, HOW DID YOU EVEN...?
YOU MUST BE AWARE OF MY FATHER'S POSITION?

The Crown Prince's armed escort... Did he...?
No, he isn't a person to disclose such things to his daughter.
I can only conclude that she has another source.
Someone whom she has direct contact with!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET IN?
!!
WHY SO SURPRISED?

WELL, I GUESS I'VE PLAYED MY PART, SO I FEEL A LITTLE RELIEVED.
DID YOU KNOW THAT KIM SO HEE WOULD BRING THE QUEEN?
WHAT?
?!
?
THE QUEEN?
Whoaaa~!!!
YOU SAID THE QUEEN?!
RE-ALLY?!

THAT'S AMAZING!
JUST HOW WIDE IS HER CIRCLE OF ACQUAINTANCES?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
WELL, I KNEW THAT SHE HAD A SURE CARD TO PLAY...
BUT I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD BE THE QUEEN HERSELF.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE HAD IN MIND AND STILL STOPPED US??
AND WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SO HEE?
!
WHAT RELATIONSHIP?
ANYWAYS, I'M HEADING OFF NOW.
HAVE FUN.

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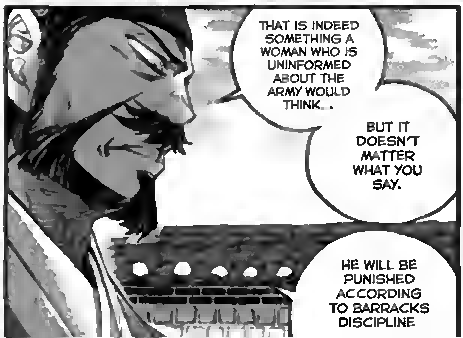
THAT IS INDEED SOMETHING A WOMAN WHO IS UNINFORMED ABOUT THE ARMY WOULD THINK...
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU SAY.
HE WILL BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO BARRACKS DISCIPLINE

ARE YOU OPENLY STATING THAT YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW?
WHAT?
ACCORDING TO THE LAW, A PUBLIC EXECUTION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT THE BARRACKS FOLLOWING THE BARRACKS PROTOCOL
BUT HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE CARRYING OUT THE EXECUTION PRIVATELY AT YOUR OWN HOUSE?
BY ANY CHANCE, IS IT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE BAD FOR YOU IF THIS IS KNOWN TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY.
I'M SAYING IT BECAUSE JOSEON'S COMMANDER OF TRAINING SEEMS TO REGARD THE LAW CONTEMPTUOUSLY

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